

Remarks

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-3, 7, and 39-42, drawn to a cysteine-containing peptide, the peptide derivative and pharmaceutical composition comprising the peptide, for further examination on merits.

Claims 4-6, 8-9, 33-38, and 43-47 read on the non-elected groups/species. However, it is believed claim 1 is generic to claims 4-6, 8-9, 33-38, and 43-47, or otherwise these claims contain all the limitations of claim 1. Therefore, Applicant withdraws claims 4-6, 8-9, 33-38, and 43-47. Reinstatement of these withdrawn claims is requested if the generic claim 1 is later allowed.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with the filing of this reply to Account No. 50-0710 (Order No. JCLA17225).

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